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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA: GUAM: VIETNAM

REF: A) STATE 268236; B) USUN 4470

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A, AMB. LEONARD MET WITH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION OFFICER AMB. VO ANH TUAN ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 9. LEONARD SPOKE ALONG THE LINES CONTAINED IN REF A.

2. SPEAKING THROUGH AND INTERPRETER, TUAN REAFFIRMED THAT THE POSITION OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE UNITED STATES IS TO "LOOK FUNDAMENTALLY TO THE FUTURE." HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE GUAM RESOLUTION AS AN "UNFRIENDLY OBSERVATION" (SIC) DIRECTED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES, BUT RATHER AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. THE SRV DOES NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR MILITARY BASES TO BE STATIONED IN ANY FOREIGN "COUNTRY", INCLUDING GUAM. TUAN SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE QUESTION ON MANY OCCASIONS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION AND "DEEPLY REGRETTED" THAT THE AUSTRALIANS DID NOT ACCEPT VIETNAMESE IDEAS ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. HE REPEATED THAT SRV ACTION WAS NOT MOTIVATED BY ANY UNFRIENDLY FEELING TOWARD THE UNITED STATES BUT RATHER BY PRINCIPLE.

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3. LEONARD SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE SRV WISHED TO LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE BUT THOUGHT THAT DESIRE INCONSISTENT WITH LOOKING BACK TO LAST YEAR'S CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION.

4. LEONARD SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE OF 24 LANGUAGE

ON GUAM IS NOT DESIRABLE FROM OUR VIEWPOINT BUT THAT
WE ARE WILLING TO VOTE FOR IT IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE
A COMPROMISE. WE CAN ONLY REGRET THE SRV'S UNFRIENDLY
ACTION IN REFUSING TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE OF 24
LANGUAGE AND INSISTING ON A CONDEMNATION OF THE
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